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JAPANESE REPROCESSING PLANT SAFEGUARDS

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1. FOR INFO OF DEPT. AND USIAEA, SUBJECT OF IAEA
PARTICIPATION IN TRILATERAL SAFEGUARDS INSTRUMENTATION
PROGRAM WAS FULLY DISCUSSED IN TOKYO, BOTH FORMALLY IN
MEETINGS AND INFORMALLY WITH IAEA REPS THORNE AND CLARK.
GIST OF THESE DISCUSSIONS WAS THAT THERE WOULD BE MANY
MEETINGS HELD IN U.S. AND JAPAN BY THE VARIOUS TASK GROUPS,
AS WELL AS SOME MEETINGS IN FRANCE (ASSUMING THAT FRANCE
SUBSCRIBES TO AGREED MINUTE); IT THEREFORE WAS CONCLUDED
THAT IAEA WOULD BE UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL OF
THESE MEETINGS AND THAT ALTHOUGH PRESENCE AND INVOLVEMENT
OF IAEA INSPECTORS OR R&D PERSONNEL WOULD BE WELCOMED
AT ANY MEETING WHICH THEY COULD ATTEND, PROGRAM COULD
NOT BE CARRIED OUT IF INVOLVEMENT OF IAEA REPS IN ALL
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TASKS AND AT ALL MEETINGS WERE A REQUISITE. ALTHOUGH
CONSIDERATION WAS GIVEN TO MAKING IAEA A FOURTH PARTY
TO AGREEMENT, THE PRACTICALITIES RULED AGAINST
THIS APPROACH. BOTH CLARK AND THORNE AGREED AT THE TIME
THAT THERE WAS NO OTHER RECOURSE, DUE TO THE LIMITS OF
MANPOWER AND FUNDING FACING THE AGENCY. ALL PARTIES
AGREED THAT IAEA WOULD BE KEPT INFORMED OF ALL DEVELOP-

MENTS AND COULD PROVIDE INPUTS WHENEVER IT DESIRED, SO LONG AS IAEA "APPROVAL" OF DECISIONS REACHED WAS NOT REQUIRED BY AGENCY, SINCE TIME NEEDED TO OBTAIN STAFFED AGENCY INPUTS FROM VIENNA WOULD BE INTOLERABLE.

2. US DEL MEMBERS WILL RECALL THAT THREE COUNTRIES INVOLVED AGREED INFORMALLY THAT FOR THOSE PROGRAMS WHEREIN EACH HAD MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY OR WHICH WERE NEW R&D PROJECTS IN THE IAEA SAFEGUARDS R&D CONTEXT, EACH COUNTRY WOULD SUBJECT AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING IAEA RESEARCH PROTOCOLS OR NEW RESEARCH PROPOSALS AS APPROPRIATE TO THE AGENCY, THEREBY FORMALIZING THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE TRILATERAL SAFEGUARDS INSTRUMENTATION PROGRAM WITH THE AGENCY. WE ASSUME THAT THIS IS STILL THE INTENTION OF THE USG, AND WE WILL CONFIRM THAT THE GOJ ALSO INTENDS TO DO SO IF THIS IS NECESSARY.

3. WE HAVE NOTED WITH PARTICULAR CONCERN REMARKS MADE BY THORNE TO MISOFF (PARA 3 REFTTEL) TO EFFECT THAT PROGRAM APPEARED TO BE ONLY FOR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY AND WOULD OR WOULD NOT PRODUCE SOMETHING SOPHISTICATED AND USEFUL. WE TRUST THAT DEPT. HOLDS SAME VIEW AS OURS THAT WHOLE INTENT OF PROGRAM IS TO DEVELOP ADVANCED SAFEGUARDS INSTRUMENTATION FOR TOKAI MURA, THAT IT IS OF RESEARCH AND TESTING NATURE AND POSITIVE RESULTS CANNOT BE GUARANTEED IN ADVANCE, THAT IT IS COMPLEX AND WILL TAKE TIME TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PERFORM, AND THAT IT WAS NOT INTENDED TO SOLVE IMMEDIATE OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS OF IAEA INSPECTORATE. SHERMAN

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